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RESPONSE E TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION /AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

TO: Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated 12 December 2006 and as a follow up to the telephone interview of 04 January 2007 between Applicant's counsel and Examiner Len Tran, regarding the above-captioned patent application, Applicant respectfully submits this amendment which places the pending claims in a state of allowance or in a better form for appeal.

Listing of the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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